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Correspondence To the Communication of  
**Patent Application #10/829,076**  
(Responsive to communication of 04/03/2007, ART UNIT 1761)

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Dear Leslie:

This correspondence is to revise claims for the inventions under examination with the application/ control number of 10/829,076, and responsive to communication(s) of 04/03/2007.

**We have elected claims 1 - 11 which drawn to a method for preparing a hard cheese, and withdrawn claim 12-14.**

Sorry for any inconveniences that our previous documents might have caused. Should any further actions/documents are required for this invention application, please let us know.

Respectfully yours,

Xiao-Qing Han  
&  
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(The applicants)

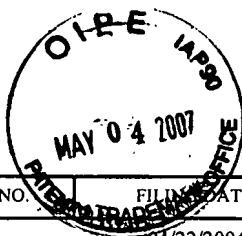
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- 1) Revised claims
- 2) Reorganized Revised claims
- 3) Copy of communications of 04/03/2007, ART UNIT 1761



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 <b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/829,076	Applicant(s) HAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Leslie Wong	Art Unit 1761	

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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